

News Release

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Names of panelists for annual *Right to Know* luncheon announced by Commissioner Ann Cavoukian

A newspaper executive, a CBC News investigative reporter, and a key government official will join Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner, on a special panel that will be the highlight of a luncheon the Commissioner is sponsoring, Thursday, October 2, to help mark *Right to Know Week* in Canada.

The theme the panel will be discussing is: *Breaking down barriers to Freedom of Information: Ensuring the public's Right to Know.*

The panel includes:

- Dr. Cavoukian, whose mandate includes overseeing the access and privacy provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, as well as the *Personal Health Information Protection Act*, and helping to educate the public about access and privacy issues;
- John Hinds, the recently appointed president of the Canadian Newspaper Association, who is also president of the Canadian Community Newspaper Association;
- David McKie, a senior reporter with the investigative unit of CBC News; and
- Dr. Mark Vale, Ontario's Chief Information and Privacy Officer.

Brian Beamish, the IPC's Assistant Commissioner for Access, is the moderator of the panel.

This is the third annual *Right to Know* luncheon sponsored by the Commissioner. The first two were sold out and tickets are already going quickly for this year's event, which is being held at the Dominion Club, 1 King Street West, Toronto.

Tickets, which may only be purchased in advance, can be ordered through the Toronto Region branch of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, the co-sponsor of the luncheon. An *order form* is available in the *Right to Know* section of the IPC's website (www.ipc.on.ca), or through calling the Communications Department at the IPC (416-326-3333).

Among other tools Commissioner Cavoukian is using to help mark this special week is a *Right to Know Blitz Day* on Monday, Sept. 29. IPC teams will be setting up information tables to hand out IPC publications and answer questions in malls in three cities, from noon to 4 p.m. that day.



These information tables may be found in the following malls:

- Lime Ridge Mall in *Hamilton*;
- Square One in *Mississauga*;
- Yonge-Eglinton Centre in *Toronto*, and
- Centrepoint Mall in *Toronto*.

The *Right to Know* section on the IPC's website (which is easily accessible from the opening page of the website) includes information about your rights under Ontario's freedom of information laws, an FOI Quiz, forms, and much more, including information about how to file an FOI request – as well as how to file an appeal to the IPC if a provincial or municipal government organization denies your request.

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